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James B. Lovett

Company Establishes Systems and Procedures Dept.

A new department — Systems and Procedures — has been formed to provide service in the field of clerical systems and procedures throughout the Company and its subsidiaries.

This department will consist of a compact staff headed by James B. Lovett, who had long experience in systems work in other companies before joining Sprague last August. Mr. Lovett will be assisted by Joseph Mucha, who has been an Account Specialist in the Sales Office and whose extensive knowledge of the Company's procedures in the handling of customers' orders will be valuable. Mr. Lovett will report to Bruce R. Carlson, Statistical Assistant to the President. For this portion of his activities, however, Mr. Carlson will report to Mr. Robert C. Sprague.

Early assignments of the Systems and Procedures group will include a clerical cost reduction and work simplification program and a detailed study of our order system which will, in all likelihood, be followed by a study of production scheduling and inventory control techniques.



Joseph Mucha

W. M. Adams Able To Sway House Subcommittee

William M. Adams, President of Sprague International Limited, recently appeared before the Commerce Department Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. He was appearing on behalf of the members of RETMA (Radio Electronics-Television Manufacturers of America) and the industry in general to protest the recent action of the Bureau of Census in degrading its program for reporting foreign trade statistics. Mr. Adams' plea was heeded by the subcommittee which in turn recommended the improvement of the before-mentioned program.



W. M. Adams

Mr. Adams stated that: "...Commercial exports from this country totaled some \$14 billion in 1955 and exporters contributed some \$300 million to the Government in taxes. Competition in America's foreign markets is increasing substantially and the influence already being felt on some segments of the economy is going to increase unless something is done about it soon. In combating this growing foreign competition, an exporter cannot afford to guess at the potential market for his product. One of the major tools in determining this potential is accurate and detailed information on exports from the United States by specific product and by country of destination. It is extremely dangerous in this field to deal with generalities and probabilities, and misleading statistics are even worse than no statistics at all. Yet, this is exactly the problem with which all exporters are faced starting with the January foreign trade report of the Bureau of Census..."

"The only way we can obtain accurate information on a country-by-country basis now is to buy it from the government; but consider the small export agent... For a six-month period his cost of obtaining accurate informa-



(Harris & Ewing)

National Award Presented to Albert L. Coumont

National recognition for his part in improving the link between service men and television set owners has been given to Albert L. Coumont, who a short time ago joined Sprague Products as assistant to President Harry Kalker.

Mr. Coumont was one of five awarded a "Friends of Service" plaque at the spring conference of the National Alliance of Television Electronics Service Association.

A spokesman for the association said the awards were given for extraordinary service in improving public relations between the service industry and television set owners.

Mr. Coumont came here from Washington, D. C. where he had been coordinator of the service division of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association (RETMA). In that capacity he had played a leading role in establishing an educational program for the industry, setting up trade schools in New York and Chicago where television service men were given training in the newest service techniques.

tion... would be a minimum of \$3,000, but more likely would be \$5,000.

"The government has compiled foreign trade statistics on an annual basis since 1790, and monthly since 1866. Private industry cannot hope to compile export statistics... since export declarations... are confidential.

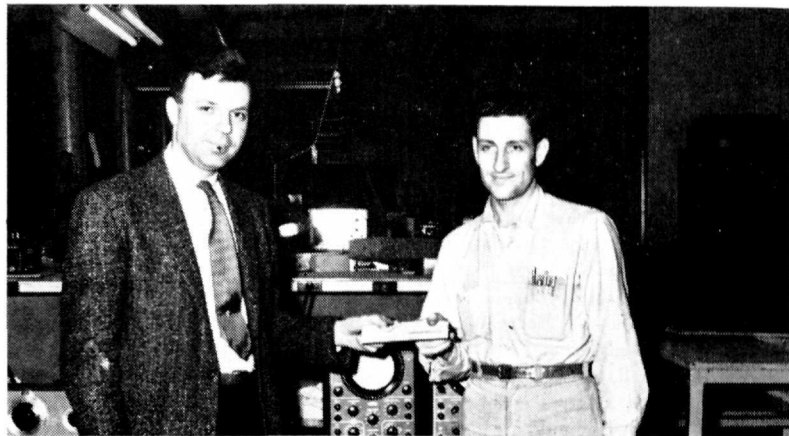
"...With the government spending billions of dollars each year in foreign aid, and considering the \$300 million in taxes paid by American exporters, we feel that the Bureau of Census should be appropriated sufficient funds to maintain a foreign trade statistical program of quality..."

Mr. Adams' words were echoed by

Suggestion System Revitalized;

John P. Campbell Heads Plant Services Section

John P. Campbell was recently appointed Manager of the Plant Services Section within the Employee & Community Relations Department. A principal reason for the creation of this new section is to provide greater emphasis on the Suggestion System. Now, more personal, detailed and speedier attention will be given to each suggestion than was previously possible, since suggestions are being received in greater number than ever before.



Richard Peterson, department head of Test Equipment Engineering and Construction, presents Maurice LaFond his check for \$100 following acceptance of his suggestion. Other awards totalling \$360 went to the following: Albert Barbuto, Machine Shop—\$50; Robert Neveu, Quality Control—\$75; John Gallese, Magnetics—\$25; John Davis, Filters—\$10 (reevaluation of former suggestion); Edmund Rivers, Filters—\$100; Celina Barbuto, Filters—\$25; Halford Wheeler, Misc. Dry Centrifuge and Sub-Assembly—\$25; and Gerald Pessolano, Industrial Oil Rolling—\$50.

Mr. Campbell will personally contact each suggestor and his department head. He will also carry on such further investigation as necessary to insure that the Suggestion Committee receives all the data available concerning the feasibility and workability of each suggestion. The Suggestion Committee is composed of the Director of Personnel, Chairman; Factory Managers; Department Heads of Methods, Time Study, and Cost Estimating; and also the Assistant Director of the Employee & Community Relations Department.

Last year a total of \$1730 was awarded for suggestions submitted in North Adams. One out of every three submitted was accepted. This acceptance was higher than the national industrial average, and highlights the excellent quality of our suggestions.

If you have a suggestion, submit it to either your foreman or directly to the Plant Services Section, Employee & Community Relations Department.

Mr. Campbell joined the Company in June of 1951 as a technician in the



John P. Campbell

Network and Filter Laboratory. Within a year and a half he was promoted to foreman. In 1955 he transferred to his present department where he held the position of Assistant Manager of Training. John, his wife the former Nancy Hafely, and their two boys, aged 5 and 3, make their home in Stamford, Vermont.

R. D. Smith — Methods Dept. — Named "Outstanding Jaycee of the Year"

Rep. Preston, Chairman, in the report of his subcommittee:

"...recent changes made in the handling of foreign trade statistics... have reduced the value of this information to the business concerns of the country, particularly in connection with tobacco products and electronics equipment. While the committee is in accord with efforts to reduce expenditures wherever possible, it feels that reductions which greatly reduce the value of information furnished can not be considered to be in the interest of economy... and consideration should be given to reinstating the former level of statistical service with a portion of the increase provided in this appropriation."

The "Outstanding Jaycee of the Year" award, presented annually by the Northern Berkshire Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been conferred on Robert D. Smith.

Bob, a methods engineer for over five years, is currently serving as a state vice president of the Jaycees. He was instrumental in setting up the Jaycees in this area, is a charter member of the local organization and has participated in some capacity in every project it has undertaken. He has never missed a regular meeting or a meeting of the board of directors. He has served as chairman of committees on orientation, leadership training, the state distinguished service award and fundraising projects.

Two other Sprague employees made the news in Jaycee events as William

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EDITORIAL . . .

Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 30th, is a holiday. As on any other holiday, the only problem is choosing the activity that will give us the greatest pleasure.

Golfing, riding, or picnicking seem to be equally attractive. Flags and parades give something of the holiday flavor, but perhaps these are more in the nature of irritants, for to quote an old cliché, "the world is too much with us", and we ignore the spirit of the day.

Out of the corner of our eye, we watch events at the United Nations, where the words of a few men may win or lose freedom for thousands of others.

And all this is somewhat embarrassing, because those for whom this Memorial Day is dedicated fought and died with the thought that by their deaths men would be made free.

One way we can insure "that they shall not have died in vain" is to be a good citizen, to keep faith with the principles upon which this nation was founded, and to serve the nation always cheerfully and willingly whenever the opportunity arises.

On Memorial Day, let us pause a bit to honor our war dead and to keep in mind our obligations as citizens.

"R & E Speaking"

With this issue, we are instituting a column entitled "R & E Speaking". We would like to thank Walter Lamphier and his associates who will be supplying the material for this column.

We are pleased that a group of employees are desirous of explaining some of the terms or activities with which their department is concerned. The pages of the LOG are open for use by any department and the staff will be glad to assist in any way possible.

"R & E Speaking"

(Many technical expressions crop up in our daily work which are not quite clear to the non-technical employee. The majority of us have heard and even use them quite frequently, but do we understand them? With due thanks to members of the Research and Engineering department, this column will be a regular feature of the LOG. Here a simple definition of the more common electronic terms or the workings of the R & E department will be given to help us better understand our jobs and our company.)

The Importance of a Favorable Dissipation Factor

by Gerald Robertello

The dissipation factor, or power factor as it is commonly called, of paper capacitors is frequently measured at Sprague by Production, Check Inspection, and in the Labs. This electrical characteristic is very useful in evaluating the final product and predicting the performance of our capacitors. In fact, a good indication of the future performance of a capacitor in an application where it will be subjected to alternating current is its dissipation factor. A high dissipation factor means that a greater percentage of the electrical energy stored in or passed through the capacitor is dissipated or lost right in the capacitor itself. Not only do we waste electrical energy in a capacitor with a high dissipation factor but this so-called wasted energy produces heat which is normally undesirable, as the life of a capacitor is shortened as the temperature is increased.

In addition to the heating effect and loss of electrical energy, the measurement of dissipation factor may reveal mechanical defects in the capacitors. For example, experience teaches that if a capacitor has a high dissipation factor when measured at 60 cycles per second and the dissipation factor increases when the same unit is measured at 1000 cycles per second it is quite likely that a poor contact exists between the lead and the tab or the tab and the foil. We also learn that if the high dissipation factor of a capacitor goes down or changes little in going from measurements made at 60 cycles to measurements at 1000 cycles it is right

Management Group Additions



Page B. Claggett (left) was born in Washington, D. C. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1938 and has had an extensive career as a naval aviator attaining the rank of Lt. Commander. Joined Sprague in November, 1955 as an executive pilot. Richard W. Lord (right) was born in Burlington, Iowa. He attended the Burlington High School and graduated from Iowa State College in 1945 with a B.S. in electrical engineering. Joined Sprague in 1950 as an electrical engineer. He is married to the former Phyllis Young of Waterloo, Iowa, and has two daughters.

Management Changes



Richard Peterson, left, has assumed responsibilities of department head for both the Test Equipment Engineering and the Test Equipment Construction departments. He succeeds Lee Hermansen, who is being transferred to the Concord, N. H. operation. At the same time, it was announced that Arnold Korelitz, right, will succeed Mr. Peterson as foreman of the Test Equipment Construction activity. The Plant Standardization program under John Adams' supervision will report to Mr. Peterson.

to suspect either water or resin cause the excessive dissipation factor.

If everyone responsible for measuring the dissipation factor of paper

capacitors will use care and understanding we will be awarded with both improved products and a better knowledge of the details of our jobs.

SAFETY SALUTE . . .

1962—No, that isn't a year to come, but the number of days without a lost-time accident that any department would be proud to have. This fine record belongs to Charles Sutliff and his Dry Tubular departments on Marshall Street.

The safety hazards facing them are not much different from safety hazards to be found elsewhere in the plant. There are the ordinary type, such as a faulty chair which is patched together, a water leak which means slippery floors, a sharp edge, or a loose board. Some safety hazards that are peculiar to the operation of these departments are burns from the wax that is used to seal capacitors, or in which capacitor covers are dipped, flying rivets, machinery with exposed moving parts, and flying pieces of wire or metal. Yet through a constant and constructive safety program, Mr. Sutliff has been able to amass one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two days without a lost-time accident.

Mr. Sutliff's safety formula embodies the use of "good old common horse sense". When he gets a new employee, he is thoroughly indoctrinated as to the duties of his job so that he not only knows what he is expected to do, but he knows the safe way to do it. Before a new piece of machinery is used in his



Charles Sutliff, foreman, is watching Hilda Coulter as she crimps wire leads onto a Sprague capacitor. Although it appears to be a safe operation, here is one that has caused trouble in the past and through Mr. Sutliff's actions has been eliminated. The crimping machine utilizes air pressure and through continual use, metal fatigue sets in and finally the crimper breaks. (See inset.) This results in the broken piece flying up and hitting the employee. Mr. Sutliff had the Maintenance department construct a Plexi-glass shield which enables the employee to see what she is doing and to use her hands, but protects her face from any danger. An individual air hose was set up for each crimper so that the worker could more readily control the air pressure and less air pressure was needed, thereby reducing the force that would send the broken piece of metal into the air.

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Introducing "Miss May" . . .



Garden—Williams Inn Photo by Vogue Valliere Studio

Our pretty "Miss May" is Suzette Lemieux who is right at home among the flowers and sunshine. Suzette graduated from Holy Family School and St. Ann's Academy in Marlboro. She has worked for Mr. William M. Adams, President of Sprague International, for the past six years. Suzette's hobbies include tennis, golfing, skiing and music. She has mastered the latter so well that she is organist for the Holy Family Church in Greylock.

PATENT NEWS

Two patents have been issued to the Company recently. They are Letters Patent 2,740,732, entitled "Process of Bonding a Metal Film to a Thermoplastic Sheet and Resulting Product" submitted by David B. Peck, Supervisory Engineer, and Dr. Preston Robinson, Consultant, and Letters Patent 2,743,196, entitled "Process of Producing Reduced Glass Resistance Elements" submitted by Dr. Robinson. Both patents have been issued to the Company by the respective inventors.

The former patent provides the company with protection for the solution of one of the more complex problems in the production of metallized-film capacitors. In the past, many attempts have been made to produce capacitor sections by applying a metal film to a dielectric material. The cause of failure of these prior attempts to reach commercial success generally fell into two categories: (1) failure to provide a dielectric saving physical properties such that a metal film could be adequately bonded so that subsequent handling operations would not effect flaws in the film; and (2) failure to provide a dielectric material capable of functioning at temperatures in excess of 125°C. for extended periods. Inventors Peck and Robinson overcame the pitfalls of prior attempts by the discovery that a vapor deposited metal film will bond to a Mylar sheet whose surface has a disoriented molecular formation. The nine patent claims cover two related processes for accomplishing the metal film to Mylar bonding, and also the articles produced thereby.

The latter patent is an improvement on the process for producing resistance elements suitable for use in place of carbon granules heretofore relied on in producing many forms of electrical

Price Joins Chicago Office of Sp. Products



Kenneth Price has joined the Chicago Office of the Sprague Products Company to serve as field engineer for the Middle Western territory. Mr. Price's appointment is part of the expanded Sprague Products educational program that was recently announced by Harry Kalker, President of the Sprague Products Company, master distributing organization for electronic components made by Sprague Electric.

resistors, and which is covered by another Sprague owned patent. This latest addition to our company's patent property contains nine claims which cover in varying degree a process for surface-metallizing of discrete glass particles by reducing the surfaces of the glass particles, which either have special compositions or special coatings, by use of any of the common reducing gases including the illuminating gases, so as to produce thin conductive films

Come to the Horse Show...! by BETTY JANGROW

Sprague Employees Take Active Part In Local Event

The oriental bazaar is out and the noble horse show is in! On Sunday, June 10, the Volunteer Firemen of Stamford, Vermont will sponsor what is hoped to be one of the best horse shows held in this area for some time. The purpose of this event is a worthy one — to raise funds with which to build a new fire station in Stamford. The show will be conducted on the Central School grounds.

To Sprague employees, this affair is of double interest. Fellow employees are not only residents of the little town to the north of us, but many of them are also serving on committees which are vital to the success of the equitation classic.

On the executive committee alone, Sprague can boast two members — Howard Sherman (Production Engineering) and Richard Norcott (Cost Estimating). Managing the show and a horseman in his own right is George Maxwell (Ceramics) whose own horse "Challenge" will perform for honors. Plugging for advertising and donations is Richard Trottier (Sprague Products). The program committee is composed of John Newkom (Methods) and John Campbell (Employee and Community Relations). The secretarial affairs will be attended by Eugene Sweet (Product Engineering) — and so it goes.

This will mark the sixth annual fund-raising campaign since the Stamford fire department was organized in 1951. Since its institution, a new fire truck, an auxiliary pump, raincoats and helmets have been purchased, a siren and many other pieces of equipment have been erected. All this was done in addition to the setting up of a complex call system and arousing the interest of townspeople for the need for suitable and adequate fire protection.

From the original five men who organized the fire department in 1951, membership has swelled to twenty-five as of this date, and the interest and enthusiasm is so great that many of them, including Mr. Newkom and Mr.



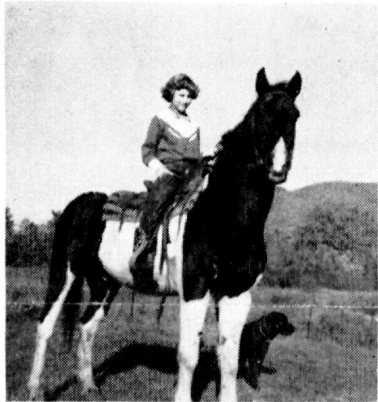
George Maxwell and his horse "Townsend Challenge" are shown as they took part in the Grand National Morgan Horse Show in Northampton last year. Mr. Maxwell is manager of the horse show being held in Stamford, Vermont, on June 10, and will enter "Challenge" in the event. Mr. Maxwell is employed in the Ceramic Department.

Sweet, travel the distance to Bennington each week to attend fire fighting instructions sponsored by the State of Vermont. Truly commendable and a credit to their community are these men who will donate eighteen three-hour sessions of instruction in order that they may bring the latest and best information available to the service of their fellow townsmen.

The men do not work alone at a task such as this, for the Women's Auxiliary functions smoothly beside their menfolk. It will be the women of Stamford, then, who will prepare the great barbeque that will be served on June 10. (And these women have a reputation for their cooking!) They will also sell, or attempt to sell, providing the "horse-power" is sufficient, some two thousand cinder blocks. These blocks will then be so inscribed that the purchaser may donate one to the building committee and have his or her name forever enshrined in the fire house as a reminder of his or her part in this civic enterprise.

The gala show commences at 9:00 a.m. on June 10 and will continue through the afternoon. The Horse Show alone is a beautiful and graceful

sight to see, and is even more so when staged in a setting of bright blue skies spotted with billowy clouds so prevalent in Stamford Valley. The public is invited to help support this worthy cause. The Stamford Volunteer Firemen urge you to bring the family and make a day of it!



Another entrant in the horse show in Stamford will be little Kathy Ann Trottier and her horse "Sir Oscar". Kathy is the daughter of Volunteer Fireman Richard Trottier of Sprague Products.

BENEFIT FUND NOTES

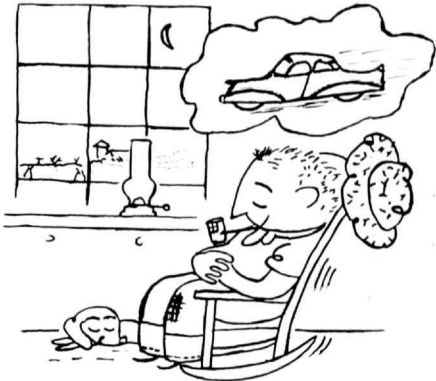
The recent Benefit Fund drive, though bringing response from only fifteen per cent of the employees, did raise our yearly contributions by over \$3,000. Four hundred and seventy nine members increased their donations, while ninety employees joined for the first time. Over fifty per cent of those increasing their donations increased their weekly contribution a dime. If you are desirous of joining the Benefit Fund or of increasing your contribution, authorization cards are available at the Personnel Department on Marshall Street.

With this issue of the LOG, we will begin to run a monthly report on the Benefit Fund expenditures. For the months of April and May, the following contributions were made:

Williamstown Cancer Fund	\$50
North Adams United Community Fund (Red Cross and Community Chest)	\$2,500
Williamstown Community Chest	\$700
Needy Employees	\$400

on the surfaces of the particles. Dr. Robinson's patented process includes the disclosure that the process should be carried out with the reducing gas under sufficient pressure to subject the glass particles to agitation and movement.

DREAMING OF A NEW AUTOMOBILE?



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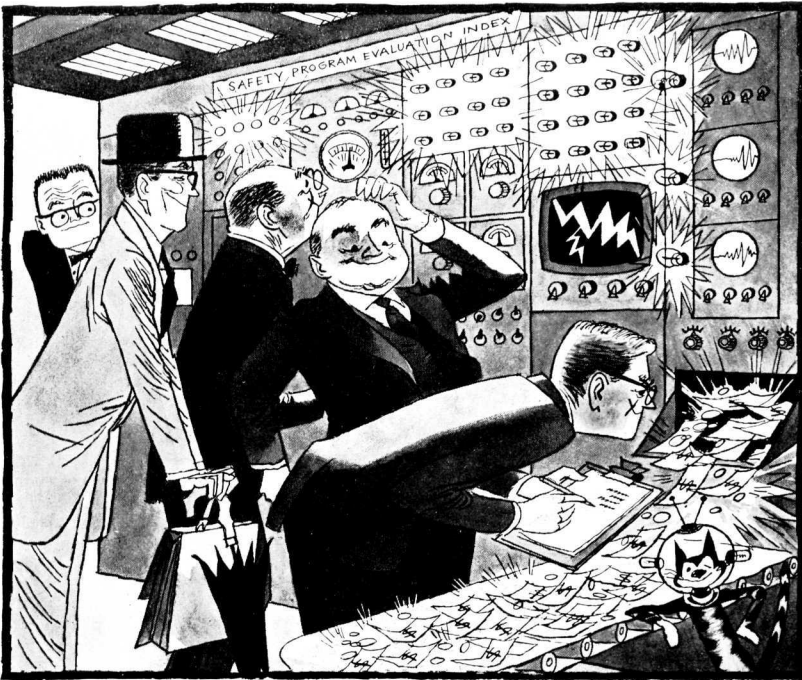
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\$1,000	\$10.58	\$1,800	\$19.03
\$1,200	\$12.69	\$2,000	\$21.14
\$1,500	\$15.86	\$2,250	\$23.78

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How **SPRAGUE** conducts a safety program and gets electrifying results — BY MR. FRIENDLY



This advertisement is currently being run in national magazines (NEWSWEEK, TIME) by the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company. Every employee should feel honored that Sprague was singled out as the theme for this advertisement. That we were able to save close to \$100 a day in premiums can only be attributed to the fact that in doing your job, you were always safety-conscious.

This safety-consciousness besides showing a company saving is just as important to you and your families. Happiness and security are evident in a home free from accidents, industrial or homeborn. Our hospitalization plan is a good coverage — but a weekly paycheck is much better than a hospitalization reimbursement!

In a letter that Julian K. Sprague, President, wrote to the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, he stated: "This record would not have been possible without the assistance of your safety engineering specialists, who have worked hand in hand with us to keep accidents from happening. Thanks to your cooperation, the people at Sprague Electric are better informed, work better, and feel better about their jobs. There have been fewer interruptions in our production and this has led to a higher efficiency in our plant operations."

Insurance is a cost of doing business — like any non-productive cost, we try to minimize it so that we will be able to meet our competitors' prices.

We can all be proud that we had a little—but important—part in making Sprague the "Number 1" in the electronic component field. Congratulations for a job well done!



Our Sprague Pacific Division, located in Los Angeles, California, was the recipient of a Plant Protection Award recently. Shown receiving the award from Los Angeles Fire Commissioner Victor M. Carter (center, left) is George Kariotis, General Manager of the plant, (center, right). Looking on are Courtney Flanders, Industrial Relations Manager, (left), and Chief William R. Goss, Deputy Fire Prevention Engineer, (right).

Safety Salute . . .

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department, he insures that a safety guard is erected around the moving parts that are exposed. He conducts a continual safety training program and makes constant inspections to insure that things are being done the safe

way — this does not necessarily mean the easy way.

Last, Mr. Sutliff says: "Pay heed to the suggestions made by the Safety Director, Art Mathews, and his assistant, Tony Sacco, for they are able to point out the common safety hazards that we all so easily overlook."

Signs of Spring

by Marie Golka
Paper Rolling, Beaver Street

The robin a jolly song sings
Because it is the beginning of spring.
The smell of burning leaves is in the air
With a new coat of paint on the old lawn chair.
The raking of lawns and putting on screens
While you dream of your favorite baseball teams.
You're painting this, and fixing that,
Wondering how you'll look in last year's hat.
The children are playing a game of hopscotch
And a neighbor nearby is on a bird watch.
The trees are beginning to sprout their leaves
The birds are building their nests in the eaves.
The sun glows brighter, as longer grows the day
While in the babbling brook
The fishermen watch their prey.
Hurrah for spring! We're glad you're here
We've waited for you a whole year.
So let's all clean, paint and fix up soon
And we can all vacation when it comes June.
So let's not complain and get started
For when you're through, you'll be lighthearted.



Hedstrom baby carriage, with mattress. Excellent condition — used only a few months. Very reasonable. Dial Marshall Street ext. 213.

2 defroster fans; 1 set of trumpet horns; 1 Arvin hot water heater; 1 set of black fog lights. Dial MO-3-5945 anytime.

A.B.C. oil burner, tin. Excellent condition. Dial MO: 2-2707 after 5 p.m.

Monogram kitchen stove. Oil and gas. Also 2-door 1946 Ford. Dial MO: 3-8572 after 4 p.m.

3 piece parlor set. Contact Joseph Nadeau at gatehouse, or dial MO: 3-7381. Gowns — size 8-9. Dial MO: 3-3232.

White Renown kitchen range. Oil and gas — table top. Very reasonable. Dial MO: 3-3394.

5-room house camp in city. 1938 Ford panel truck. Child's duck rocking chair, new. Dial MO: 3-6095 anytime after 4 p.m.

New fibre rug. 9 x 12. Also studio couch. Dial MO: 3-8309 after 5 p.m. Gowns. Size 9. Dial MO: 3-6103 after 6 p.m.

2 year old Nubian milking goat for sale. Also fresh goats milk. Dial MO: 3-6288 or 3-8442.

Ten gallon fish aquarium. Motor, filter, etc., included. \$25. Dial MO: 3-8429.

Glenwood combination oil and gas stove. Birdseye Maple bedroom set. Mahogany bedroom set. Dining room set — 6 chairs, buffet and china closet. Call Adams 1786-M until 1 p.m.; evenings 538-W.

Thayer baby carriage in good condition. Walker, stroller very good condition. Dial MO: 3-9913 anytime.

Anyone wishing stones for rock gardens or fill may have for the taking. Call Williamstown 582-W or Brown Street ext. 39.

Apartment for rent: 3 rooms, garage, heat furnished, spacious closets, plenty of storage space. Dial MO: 2-2655 or see at 27 Wall Street.

Two rooms for rent: Large airy rooms in lovely country home 5 minutes from North Adams. Dial MO: 3-6131 between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m.

GE sump pump. Brand new. Will sell for \$50. Dial MO: 3-3981 after 5 p.m.

White electric stove — 36". 3 burners and deep well. Large oven drawer in cabinet. Like new — less than half price. Call Adams 1464-J afternoons or evenings.

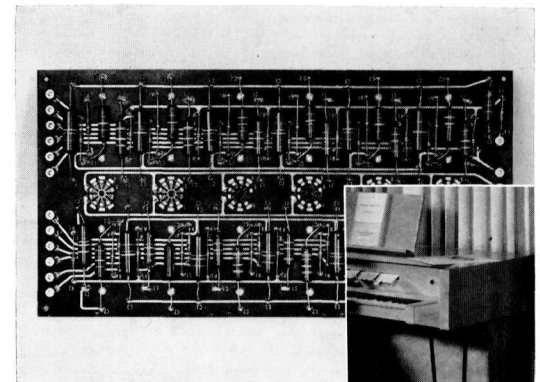
Tappan gas and gas stove. Parlor heater — duo therm with blower (used one winter). Call Harry Jowett, 161 W. Shaft Road, North Adams.

1954 Mobile home 37' long. 2 bedrooms — excellent condition. See evenings at the Kitchen Brook Trailer Camp, Cheshire, or dial MO: 3-5865.

Beautiful 8 room house, centrally located, in A1 condition. 4 bedrooms and tile bath with shower upstairs. Double living room with fireplace, dining room and enclosed porch. Wash room, playground and toilet in basement. Hardwood floors throughout. Central hot water heat. Priced reasonably for quick sale. For appointment call MO: 3-9972.

Home made car trailer and hookup. \$25. Dial MO: 3-5493.

Where Our Products Go



The Electronic Organ Arts Company recently announced the release of printed (etched) circuits for its line of "Build It Yourself" Electronic Organs. Assembly is reduced to merely mounting the electronic components on the printed wire board and soldering the connections. The final product is the Artisan Electronic Organ shown in the insert above. Further details are available from the manufacturer at 4878 Eagle Rock Boulevard, Los Angeles 41, California. Artisan chose Sprague's Black Beauty capacitors for their ease in handling and dependability.

Sprague Sports Illustrated

"You Should've Seen the One That Got Away!!"

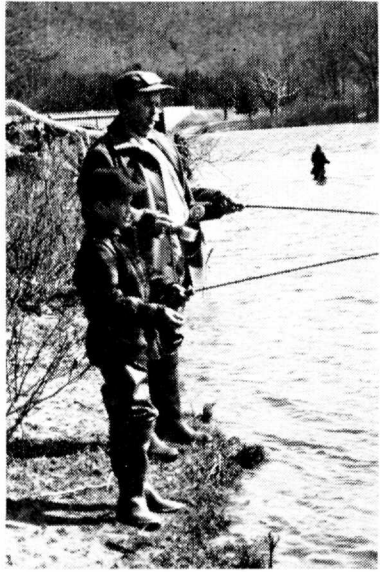
Judging from results received thus far in the Fishing Contest — they (the fish) all got away! At this writing, only two, that's right — just two, entries have been received for the contest — and listen to this men — one of them belongs to a woman! Surely you're not going to let a woman take honors in a fishing contest — or are you? By the way things are going this lucky lady might have a chance!

A common statement regarding the contest is this: "Oh, mine isn't worth entering — it's not big enough to win anything." If that is the idea prevalent throughout, we will undoubtedly end up with very few contestants. Remember — even though your fish may not win honors in its class, there is the chance that it might meet the requirements which constitute the "blind prize". \$110 in gift certificates and a trophy for the largest fish, regardless of specie or size will be awarded upon completion of the contest.

There are 10 different specie in the contest and in the trout category alone there are three classes. The 10 categories are: trout — rainbow, native brook and brown; pickerel, walleyed pike, northern pike, bullhead, and perch. As of July 1, small mouth and large mouth bass will also be eligible. These different classes offer a good variety to all types of fishermen.

Another judge has been added to those already assisting in the contest — (Bill's Sporting Goods, J. H. Walden's, and Center Sporting Goods) — Jim's Sporting Goods Store, which is located at 470 Union Street. There are enough judges to provide ample opportunity for those wishing to enter the contest.

The two entries received thus far are both for brown trout. The larger one, which weighed 3 lbs. 8 ozs. is 21½ in. long and was caught in the Deer-



Enjoying a day of fishing at the Deerfield River are Harold Duffy of the Filter Department, and his nephew Pete Leveque, who is also the nephew of Lil Adams of Purchasing.

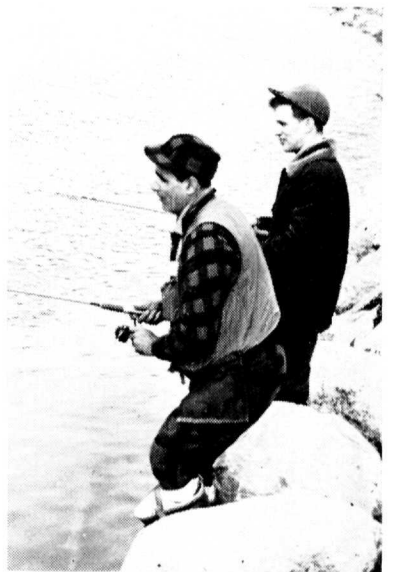
field River belongs to Arthur Southgate, a longtime fisherman from Industrial Oils, Brown Street. The other was entered by our lady fisherman, Doris Hartman of the Sales Office. Doris' fish was 15" and weighed 1¼ lbs. It was caught in the North Branch of the Hoosac.

An added attraction being planned this year in conjunction with the Fishing Contest will be a Fishing Derby. This affair will be held at a time and place, presumably some nearby and accessible lake, to be announced in the next issue of the LOG. So remember to look next month for details on this great event.

The season is getting along — if you want to participate in the contest — and everyone who fishes should, take your catches to one of the four judges today. Don't delay!



Above, (left): Patience is written all over the faces of Ralph Lewis, Plating, Brown Street, and Thomas Attala, Industrial Oils, Brown Street. It's a necessary virtue when one goes fishing! The North Branch of the Hoosac was their choice. (Right): I think I've got a bite! We hope you got the fish too! Russell Mazzu, Can Shop, Beaver Street, and Dave Bieghley, Maintenance Test, Marshall Street, were spotted at the North Branch in Briggsville, where this picture was taken.



Bowling Teams Wind Up Successful Year



Above, (Left): The outgoing officers of the Men's Bowling League get together after a very successful year. They are: standing, vice-president, James Lynch; secretary, Jimmy Valotta; president, Joe Lipa, and treasurer, James Lavine. (Right): We did it. Admiring their trophy for placing first in the Bowling League are members of the Inspectors team. They are, usual order, Harold Tourjee, Dick Bush, James Lynch, John Cummings, Neil Tanguay, Al Volpi and Leroy Vivaldi.



Above, (Left): Members of the winning team, Western Electric, in the Girls Bowling League look at the trophy presented their team by Harry Callan. Left to right they are: Rita McCormick, Gloria Biondo, Audrey Burdick, Vishy Wisnowski, Olive Coddair, Clara Shaker and Gert Volpi. (Right): Officers of the Girls League last year were, standing, Ann Heath, vice-president; Gert Volpi, President; sitting, Joan Blanchette, secretary, and Gloria Biondo, treasurer. The first two will hold their respective offices next year, while Miss Biondo becomes secretary and Doris Harpin takes over as treasurer.



LET'S PLAY BALL!

The 1956 Sprague Electric Softball League got off to a flying start on Monday, May 21, when the Can Shop trounced Western Electric 12-7.

Mr. Robert C. Sprague, Sr., began the season by pitching the first ball. The league this year boasts over 200 ballplayers who in turn comprise 10 teams. Games will all start at 6:15 and will be played at the Greylock Field.

Officials for the year are Ace Samia, Umpire-in-Chief; umpires — George O'Brien and Arthur Van Steenburg. Scorekeeper will be Clyde Levy.

The official rules for the league are as follows:

RULES

Sprague Electric Softball League 1956

1. Each team will carry a maximum of eighteen men. Each manager will submit a team roster before the season starts. Changes in team membership will be allowed during the first three weeks of play. After June 15th, the team roster will become final.

2. Not more than 2 men per team will be allowed to play with outside leagues. No pitcher is to be used against any Inter-Sprague league team if he is pitching in any other league.

3. Scheduled games will start at 6:15 with a deadline of 6:30. Every team must field a minimum of 8 men.

4. Each man present must play at least 3 innings.

5. Each player will pay 50 cents forfeit money to the team captain or manager who will turn it over to the Executive Committee.

6. All grievances will be presented through the Umpire-in-Chief to the Executive Committee to the Softball Commissioner.

7. Only employees of Sprague Electric Company are eligible to play in the Inter-plant league.

The schedule is:

May 21 Can Shop vs Western Elec.
22 Control Lab vs Supervisors
23 Filters vs Management
24 Ind. Oils vs Machine Shop
25 K.V.A. vs Lab
28 Control Lab vs West. Elec.
29 Filters vs Supervisors
31 Ind. Oils vs Management

June 1 K.V.A. vs Machine Shop
4 Filters vs Western Electric
5 Ind. Oils vs Supervisors
6 Can Shop vs Control Lab
7 Lab vs Machine Shop
8 K.V.A. vs Management
11 Ind. Oils vs West. Electric
12 K.V.A. vs Supervisors
13 Lab vs Management
14 Can Shop vs Filters
15 Control Lab vs Mach. Shop
18 K.V.A. vs Western Electric
19 Lab vs Supervisors
20 Mach. Shop vs Management
21 Can Shop vs Ind. Oils
22 Control Lab vs Filters
25 Lab vs Western Electric
26 Machine Shop vs Supervisors
27 Can Shop vs K.V.A.
28 Control Lab vs Ind. Oils
29 Machine Shop vs West. Elec.

July 2 Management vs Supervisors
3 Can Shop vs Lab
5 Control Lab vs K.V.A.
6 Filters vs Ind. Oils
9 Management vs West. Elec.

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Above, (Left): Harry Callan presents Men's Bowling League President Joe Lipa a plaque in recognition of all he has done for the Bowling League here at Sprague's. (Right): Members of the Celtics team which won first place in the Sprague Laboratory League are: Kneeling, Joe Moreau, Ray Belding and Armand Senay; standing, Harry Saunders, Neville Toye, Bob Burr, and Don Richardson.





Shown above are some of the girls who enjoyed themselves at the Girls Bowling League Banquet held at Petey Dink's.

LET'S PLAY BALL!

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- 23 Filters vs Machine Shop
- 24 Control Lab vs Management

All games to start at 6:15 at the Greylock Field.

Why Was The Watchman Fired?

The proprietor of a jewelry store was arranging to leave on his usual weekend trip. When he had locked the safes he gave the keys to Mr. Brown, the watchman, saying: "Please give these to the manager when he comes in the morning; I'm catching the 8:30 train tonight."

Brown took the keys, but exclaimed: "I beg your pardon, sir, but I do hope you won't take that train, but go on your usual train at 9:10."

The proprietor looked surprised, and asked, "Why, what on earth is the matter with the first train?"

"Well, sir, the fact is — I had a dream last night that there was a bad smash-up on the 8:30."

On his way to the station, the proprietor, half-ashamed of his superstition, decided to wait for the second train. Strange to say, the first train was wrecked, and a number of passengers were killed. Upon the proprietor's return to the store Monday morning, he sent for Brown, and said to him: "You saved my life by your warning; here is a reward for you, but I give you a fortnight's notice."

Why was Mr. Brown discharged? This story was told at a police officers' examination in London, and it is said that only three out of a hundred gave the right answer to the question. If you have any detective instinct in you, perhaps you can be as keen as the three.

ANSWER: The man was discharged because of neglect of duty. He was a night watchman, and if he had been attending to duty he could not have had a dream the night before.

DON'T GAMBLE WITH SPEED!

In a gamble with speed on the highways, the odds are against you! Every spin of the wheels of your car is a risk — and the faster they spin, the greater your chances of losing.

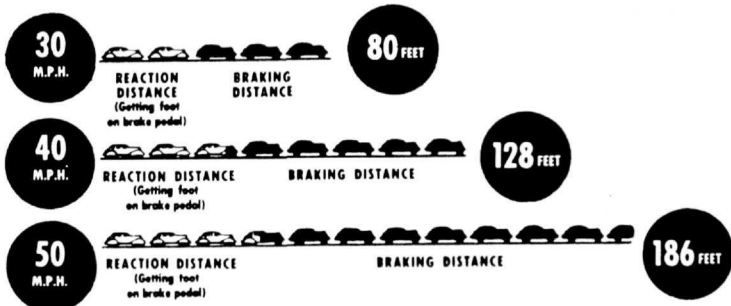
Each year, thousands of drivers risk their lives and the lives of others, just to save a few minutes' time. High speed can turn pleasure trips into tragedies. Over 10,000 men, women and children met death on the highways last year in accidents caused by excessive speed.

Where does most of the responsibility lie? In the hands of the one in the driver's seat! The modern automobile is a sensitive piece of machinery, built to carry out the driver's orders even though they may be wrong. The safe driver remembers that the distance required to bring his car to a dead stop varies with the speed traveled. This includes *reaction distance* — the distance traveled from the time the driver decides to stop until he gets his foot down on the brake pedal; and *braking distance* — the distance traveled while the brakes are bringing the car to a halt.

The National Safety Council chart below shows, in car lengths and feet, the distance an average driver takes to stop his car when road conditions, tires and brakes are at their best. Stopping distances are greater under unfavorable conditions.

Maximum speed should be that speed, within legal limits, at which you are sure that you can stop your car under existing road, weather and driving conditions.

STOPPING DISTANCES



A GAMBLE WITH SPEED MEANS A GAMBLE WITH LIFE!

- ACROSS THE FENCE -

Synthetic fabrics such as nylon, dacron, orlon and acrilan have come into their own. If you sew, then you will enjoy looking over the tremendous selection of these fabrics on display in the stores. You probably won't be able to resist whipping up a few additions to your Spring and Summer wardrobe, from shorts to dressy evening separates. Stitching up these fabrics is not difficult, although some adjustment in your sewing technique may be necessary. Here are a few suggestions from Singer sewing experts which will help make your sewing with synthetic materials a success.

If you are a beginner, start with weaves that are easy to work with, such as those that resemble shantung, crepe and rayon for your first project.

Before starting to work on your pattern, experiment with your machine on a scrap of material. You can check the stitch, tension and pressure on the presser foot of your sewing machine. You may also find it necessary to try different types of thread and different size needles.

In cutting out your pattern, use well-sharpened cutting shears, very sharp dressmaker pins and fine sewing needles. If the seams tend to pucker, try a finer machine needle, perhaps a No. 9 or No. 11. Operate your machine at a lower speed and loosen the tensions of the upper and lower bobbins.

Although silk, nylon and cotton thread are satisfactory in appearance and strength, use the thread nearer to the characteristic fiber in the material you have selected. Nylon and dacron thread have a stretch quality in them which makes them ideal for stitching seams that will undergo a great deal of strain. And they are good to use for visible stitching, since they make a finer stitch. Remember, also, to cut the thread with sharp scissors instead of breaking it as the threads will separate.

If there is fraying, allow ample seam allowance and then finish the seam by turning in the outer edge of the seam allowance and edge stitching. If there are any edges to be slashed or trimmed, as in collar sections, reinforce them with stitching or taping.

Press the garment as you sew and be certain that the garment fits correctly in all respects before joining seams and darts, since it is difficult to remove ironed-in creases from synthetic fabrics.

R. D. Smith . . .

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K. Kirby, an architectural designer, and Donald R. Millberry, Cost Estimating, were installed as president and secretary, respectively, of the local organization.

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- BORDER PRINTS -

One of the most exciting and colorful fashions for spring are border prints. In color, as well as design the Far East influence is evident in most of the borders with turquoise, hot pink and gold dominating. You don't have to go to India these days to buy fabulous saris — the same authentic designs are available in inexpensive cottons right here at home. Here are three different styles (all to be whipped up on the sewing machine) especially designed for border prints.

Sheath dresses are wonderful for border prints. Before you choose your pattern decide whether a boat neckline or a square neck is more becoming to you. For boat-neck fans we suggest Simplicity Printed Pattern 1452, left, top, a sleeveless dress with the slimmest of skirts highlighted by side slits. The pattern comes in junior and misses' sizes, 11 to 18, 35c.

If your preference runs to square necks there's Simplicity Printed Pattern 1522, left, middle, also slim and sleeveless, but complete with bolero with little Chinese collar. If you have a tendency to look heavy, stay away from the Egyptian type of border prints with horizontal stripes — there are lots of others to choose from that have all-over prints above the border. Simplicity 1522 comes in junior and misses' sizes, 11 to 18, 50c.

Should you feel that you can't wear sheath dresses you can still participate in the border boom. You can select Simplicity Printed Pattern 1159, left, bottom, a V-necked dirndl dress with a gathered skirt. The border is repeated above the waist and the dress has little sleeves. The pattern comes in junior and misses' sizes, 11 to 18, 35c.

Before you buy your fabric, be sure to consult the back of the pattern envelope for important suggestions on fabric, thread, fasteners, ribbon or trimmings.

This spring no one should be afraid of colors and the most vivid and brilliant ones are to be found in the new border prints. Any home sewer has a wonderful chance to pick out her favorite Far East hues in the new fabrics.

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The Gift

What shall you give to one small boy?
A glamorous game, a tinselled toy,
A barlow knife, a puzzle pack,
A train that runs on curving track?
A picture book, a real live pet...
No, there's plenty of time for such things yet.
Give him a day for his very own —
Just one small boy and his dad alone.
A walk in the woods, a romp in the park,
A fishing trip from dawn to dark,
Give the gift that only you can — — —
The companionship of his Old Man.
Games are outgrown, and toys decay —
But he'll never forget if you "Give him a day!"

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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS . . .

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

A group of the girls from this department enjoyed a dinner party at the 1896 House in Williamstown. A good time and a wonderful meal was had by all. Genevieve Gorczakowski's daughter Ginger enjoyed the trip to Wisconsin as a Drury exchange student. Edna Cwierniewick and Stephanie Kulpa enjoyed a week's vacation at home. Speedy recovery is wished to Margaret Accetta who has been absent a month because of illness. We hope you liked the flowers, Margaret. We all enjoyed a delicious treat sent in by Ray Guyette's wife and everyone is clamoring for her recipe for pineapple bars. Thanks a million, Fran. Our foreman seems to be having trouble with his car. A trailer backed into it and pushed a big hole in the top of it. Had a letter from a former co-worker, Jackie Poirot, who now lives in California. She sends her regards to all. Your reporter is anxiously awaiting the return of her son A/2C Clinton Hall, who has been in Japan for ten months. How do you like Fran Gayda's new haircut. Real nice, Fran. Belated birthday greetings to Lil Peck.

Can Shop

by Clifford Domenichini

Robert Bliss has returned with his wife and child after being in the service for two and one half years. Everyone in the Can Shop is looking forward to a good year in the Sprague Softball League. We probably won't win, but we'll be in there pitching! We hope Larry Daigault enjoys his new home. We wonder if he built a new house for his racing pigeons. Our one and only woman in the Can Shop, Anna White, has returned after a brief spell of house cleaning. Robert Haas, our used car salesman, is doing good for himself. Anyone wanting a good deal, just call Bob. No one in this department ever seems to have a birthday, either that or they don't want to reveal their age!

Shift Registers

by Peg Roberts

We wonder who Hazel Bass' secret pal is — flowers already, heh! We hear tell that our Terry Morin is quite a singer. If you don't believe us, ask Pete Law. The F.B.I. has come up against quite a "sniffer stopper". Could it be Valida Kleiner's onions? Charlene Dean was feted at a dinner party at Howard Johnson's by her bowling pals. Good luck, Char! Gwen Geary has something money can't buy — a contagious laugh. Those Levi's Doris De Luga is sporting are genuine westerners. Ronnie Dean hasn't been the same since the trip to New York City. Tall buildings right, Ron. Helen Burdick has quite a grip on the knife handle when it comes to cutting cakes. Alice Badorini is awaiting the arrival of her hubby from Italy. Madeline Folino honeymooned in Washington, D. C. We hear the magnolias were in bloom. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pierce on the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Drawce on their wedding anniversary May 2. (Theresa Morin was unable to write your column this month, so Peg Roberts is pinch-hitting for her.)

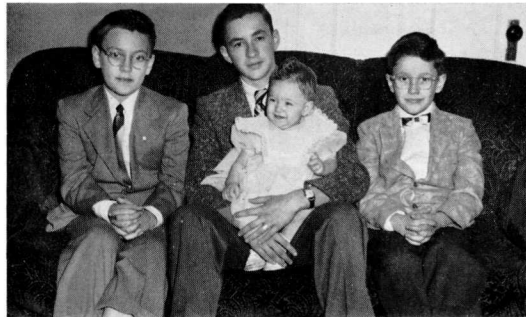
Block Annex

by Esther Driscoll

Amelia Dean celebrated her birthday on May 4. Everyone in the department wishes her a happy birthday. A daughter was born on Sunday, April 30, to our supervisor, Jimmy Dean and his wife, Inez, who formerly

worked, Bev. Farewell to Shirley Lesniak, Ann Oslizo and Mrs. Cain. Hope you will all be back with us again someday. The happy travelers of the month include Janette Bourdon who covered Washington, D. C., Florida and parts of the South; Martha Choquette and Gay Allard to Canada;

and Sebby Barlik, Fran Scott and Shirley Higgins to New York City. Congratulations to Rita Moorhouse and Joe Barriere upon their promotions. Sorry to have Ruth Bernard and Flo LeFebvre hospitalized. Anniversary wishes to Margaret Isherwood on her 10th, May 4.



Peter, 11, Anthony, 15, Francis, 9, and Marcy, 1½, are the nice family of Tellie Abuisi of Metal Clad nights.

worked in Metal Clad. They have a lovely little family of 3 now, two girls and a boy. Congratulations Jim and Inez. Emma Busby took one of her three weeks vacation and caught up on her spring cleaning. She also visited her sisters in Pittsfield. Crocheting is still the hobby of most of the girls and many beautiful sweaters, caps, and dolies have been made through the long winter. George Messina has been very busy remodeling his home. It sounds very attractive with a newly added picture window. We miss Doris Williams, Alice Carpenter and Florence Gosselin who have gone to work in other departments. Hope you'll be back with us soon. Doris Williams has been having plenty of worries lately. Her little dog, Bambi, isn't too well and it keeps Doris on the run to the vet in Pittsfield. Florence Gosselin had a birthday on April 29. Belated greetings, Frenchy.

Paper Rolling (Days)

by Frances Miles

Hello again! We'd like to welcome Lorraine Wilson, Mary Davis and Arlene Dickinson. Hope you like it here with us. Julie Gattuso is the proud grandmother of a baby girl and she's quite the young grandmother too. Vacations have started already in our room. Eleanor Romeo went to the Kentucky Derby and Margaret Mazinski is spending her time at home and in Connecticut. Julie, what happened to that package of Lucky Strikes you had? Seems like someone else made the strike, Julie. Helen Vining keeps saying "help". What's the matter, Helen? Tillie Mendel is painting, girls, and would like some help. She might even give you a cup of coffee. Welcome back to Blance Mazur who has been out ill. Stay with us this time, Blance. Leona Smith had her hair cut the other day and her husband hadn't seen it yet. Poor Leona. Evelyn Soule gave blood recently and didn't show up the following day. You'd better go and get your blood back, Eve. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livesey celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary on April 25.

Metal Clad (Nights)

by Ruth Richmond and Mary Williams

Welcome back to Phil Smachetti, Flo Simon and Ruth Morrissey and above all to Bev Dagnault. It's wonderful to see the remarkable progress she has made. Keep up the good



Ceil Magnifico of Metal Clad, nights, is mighty proud of her three youngsters — Patti Ann, 2, Baby Michael, 8 months, and Jeffrey, 6.



"Reach high, pardner!" The guns in their hands can't outshine the mischievous look in the eyes of Wayne, 3, and Stephen 2, the children of Vernie Hover of Test Equipment.



Carla Jean, 5, Tammy Anne, 11, and Rose Marie, 17, are the daughters of Thomas Sullivan, Formation, and Mary, Pulse Transformers.



These two fine youngsters are Billy 10, and Richard, 12, the children of Florence Millette, Metal Clad, nights. Their grandmother is Dora Johnson, Metal Clad, days.

Pulse Transformer

by Betty Barcomb

Doris Daniels is recovering from a minor operation and will be out of work for a little while. Adeline Segala is on a sick leave and Mrs. Caron is still recuperating from her sore leg. Hurry back girls, we miss all of you. Well, Anna Arabia finally had her baby girl. It seems we've been waiting right along with you, Anna. With summer almost here, everyone has turned to sewing instead of knitting. Some of the flashy clothes that are going around. Everyone has a new wardrobe. Stefie Leja has returned to work after a week's vacation. Ann Mariani, her husband and son are all celebrating their birthdays on the same day — May 25th. That's one for the books, Ann. Alice Burdick's daughter Marilyn was married to Robert Clark on May 16. Marilyn works on Marshall Street. Ruth Wright is the proud owner of a new TV set. Hope you enjoy it, Ruth.

Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews and Valerie Piantoni

Your reporters would like to welcome all the new girls on the line. Hope you enjoy working with us. We heard that Lucille Racine was helping her mother with her spring cleaning. She was on the stepladder with the paint brush when the ladder gave way. Lucille tried everything to get the paint out of her hair and finally turpentine did the trick. So be careful ladies when you start your cleaning. Check that ladder! Pete is sporting a new flat top. That is quite the hair cut. Doris Monette and husband went to Champlain, N. Y. in their new car. She says it purrs like a kitten. We are glad to see Sylvia Brayman back from her leave. The girls sure like to make Jeanette Andrews smile. It shouldn't be long now, Jeanette. Thelma Bissailon's daughter Lois LaPine and John Hescok were married April 7. Laurette Clermont's son, Richard, was awarded a trophy for the Little League Basketball team sponsored by the Arnold Print Works. Alice Albertazzi has a new member in her family. An angora kitten which she named "Bengie". Eva Jowett will be having moving problems. Eva is moving into a home she bought on West Shaft Road. One never needs to fret when with Shirley Brown. She can drive you anywhere in very little

time, no matter how far the distance may be. Ted Pierce spends his noon hours at Newberys, trying to figure how many pieces of candy he can buy to make a half pound. Frances Laghi makes delicious spaghetti, but what happened to the apple pie?

Bathtub Assembly

by Jessie Meczyrow

First of all, congratulations to George Costa who became our new supervisor. Hope you like working with us. Also, welcome to Mary Strole and Lena Deso. Hey girls, have you seen the new car Frances Roy is riding around in? Pretty nifty! Vacation time is here and the two early birds to take advantage of it were Laura Skowron who spent her time in New York City and Washington, D. C. and Eleanor Durocher, who spent her time taking life easy at home. Sorry to see Edith Dean on the sick list again. Hurry and get well soon. Here's some new songs that some of our co-workers are humming lately: "Two Yards Long" — Lucy Libardi — "I'm Dreaming Again" — Frances Roy — "Somebody Stole My Gas" — Vivian Dale — and "The Old Maiden's Prayer" chorus by Eleanor Durocher, Jane Ciepla and Edith Dean.

Paper Rolling

by Carmelina Roy and Patricia King

Spring is here — but definitely! Everyone seems to have a different glow about themselves. Take Phil Nimmons — her dream house is in the making — it looks as if we'll have a fall housewarming after all. Ceil has that glow too. She's landscaping her dream house. But take me, Lena, I'll find another shingle that needs replacing, oil that creaking door and think about my dream house. Shirley Durant went to Boston shopping recently and had a good time. The only thing she forgot was some Epsom Salts for her tired feet. Has anyone noticed the haircuts in our department. Yvonne, Eve, Jeannette, Doris, Viv, Tete, Lill, Irene and Helen are all sporting new hairdos. Claire Fitzpatrick, on the other hand, is going to keep her hair long. Claire is also going to get a driving license so she can enjoy that new car she has. Eva, what happened to the little dog you had? Joan Hyndman and Ken Greger have joined our department. My, but we're growing. Did you ever tie a cigarette in a knot? Ask Walt Tatro how it is done. It's very simple once you know how.



KVA

by Frank Santelli

Millie Mahoney entertained a few friends from our room recently. Lloyd King played a few selections on his banjo while his wife Eleanor sang. George Lanoue told of his last year's experience at the G.E. while his wife Laura told us of her experiences here. Barbara Crandall came across with stories of the wonderful time she had in Florida and told about one very interesting item which happened to her. Lunch was served by Millie, assisted by Sandra King and a good time was had by all. Jack Brooks recently painted his kitchen.

Small Order

by Tiny Knights

Helen Bailey went on vacation and came back looking very rested. Helen spent her time off at home. Yours

truly also had her surprise vacation and spent it doing spring cleaning... Steffie Mellilo's daughter, Bernadette, was married. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. When is the next one, Steffie? Sunny Cozzaglio is in her new apartment now, which is very nice. It's a good thing Sunny enjoys painting for she's getting her share of it now... Millie Conroy and Sally Talarico both have beautiful new picture hats. They look very nice, girls... If Felix Rondeau seems to be getting heavier, it's because of those great big lunches his wife gives him every day.

KVA Stockroom

by Ace Samia

Everyone in K.V.A. was sorry to see Phil Sprague leave, but wishes him the best of luck in his new job... Ralph Burdick is back with us and is all smiles again... Harold "Cigar" Brown went fishing recently and came back with some tall fish stories... Marie Ducharme and husband have purchased a new car and we all hope they enjoy it... Vivianne Nadeau has been taking fishing lessons from her boyfriend and soon will be showing up all the men in the stockroom! Marie Dargie is getting to be quite a painter. Before long we will be buying her paintings. You'll get to be as famous as Grandma Moses... Vacations will be rolling around soon and until that time, I bid adieu.

Networks and L.C.C. Lines

by Irene Pigeon

Sorry there was no column last month, but yours truly was out with the virus... Clara Lescarbeau attended the wedding of friends in New Bedford on April 21. It was also Clara's 32nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Clara... Dolores Davis recently moved into her newly-built home... Congratulations go out to Milton Perras who was married on May 5. Milton was presented a gift from his co-workers. Good luck to you and your new bride... Alta Oakes is a proud grandmother again. The Dick Oakes are the proud parents of a son named Bradley James. Dick formerly worked in the Sample Lab and is now serving in the Air Force... Rose Walczak has gained a new son-in-law. Rose's step-daughter Linda was married to Joseph Bissailon on April 21. Good luck to both of them... We want to say so long to Florence Lang who left us to return to her old department. We enjoyed working with you, Florence.

Industrial Oils Rolling (nights)

by Lorraine Tanguay

We'd like to say goodbye to Loretta Matthews and Louise Lewis who are going on days. Also to Jackie Lavarriere, Marion Gleba, Ty Brooks, Katherine Lescarbeau, Eleanor Blair, Annette Iacussa and Mary Battis who are no longer with us... Virgie Blondin and Kenny Brooks are out enjoying their vacations. We were relieved to hear that Annette Iacussa's little boy was all right after his operation... We sure have a proud new aunt in our room— Rita McLearn... All the girls enjoyed a supper at the Green Acres after work one night. We'll have to do it again soon... Well girls, so long and here's hoping we all get back together soon... So long, Joe, we'll miss you too.

Sandia Coolers

by Dorothy Bell Baker

Frances Pitoniak's blessed event! It's a Norge! Cooler No. 1 had a covered dish dinner the other noon — reason? — Violet McClelland's birthday — Eleanor Alibozek's first anniversary in Sandia and a welcome back to Florence Dupre and Rita Charron. Sandia sure has good cooks... We also welcome back Mary Satko and Rita Zoito... Lillian Senecal is spending her vacation at home doing her spring

house cleaning... Vicky Bissailon is spending a week with her daughter in Rhode Island... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doane on the birth of their son... Emma Montagna went shopping recently and modeled several of her purchases for her co-workers.

Industrial Oils Rolling

by Erminia Sweeney

An "expectant" party was held in the Pinebrook Club in Cheshire for



Bertha Jennings of BTA has reason to be proud of her daughter Shirley. She recently became a registered nurse.

Nickie Fredericks and Eloise Masdea. Gifts and a purse of money were presented each girl. After the party a show was put on featuring clothes of the turn of the century with mock invitations of the wedding of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier. Dotty Daunais acted as mistress of ceremonies with Marie Dargie, Ann Sacco, Phyllis Santerre as models and Betty Tomkiewicz as Prince Rainier. Thanks to the girls on the committee — they make good showmen and producers! Old clothes were furnished by George Graziola... Rita Fournier is back after being out ill... Dot Bastien is out on sick leave... On vacation are Ceil Kelly and Bert Raymond... So long to Jackie Chapin. We miss you... Jeannette Trela won the one mile dash running away from a bumblebee. Don't be afraid, Jeannette, they only hurt when they sit down!... Blanche Newlands is still enjoying her leave... Thanks to Ceil Kelly for the lovely cake she sent in... Two new grandmothers here are Agnes Miller and Liz Slattery — a grandson and granddaughter respectively.

Sandia Room

by Isabelle Fuller

Congratulations to Helen Bergeron and her new daughter — Deborah Ann — who was born May 2. Best of luck to both of you... Also — congratulations to Phyllis Griswold who is an aunt, and Belle Fuller who is a grandmother, and our check inspector, Peter Grandy who is a proud grandfather... Florence Lefave, Belle Fuller and our desk clerk, Frances Pitoniak enjoyed their vacations recently... Ann Baker is sporting her new car. Hope you have the best time ever this summer, Ann... Joseph Rotolo's son, Thomas, is back home after a three weeks' stay in the hospital because of illness... Maskina Morin's daughters, Martha and Florence, who have been hospitalized are back home and coming along fine. Best of health to you, girls... The welcome mat goes out to Florence Lang who was transferred to another department and is back with us again. You've brought sunshine to our room, Florence... Many years of happiness to our boys, Rocco Trimarchi and his wife Peggy, who are celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary, and to Charles Cyr and wife Eva, who are celebrating their anniversary May 28. Hope your troubles will be shining ones... Belated birthday greetings to Ann Baker and Florence Lefave.

Automation

by Florence Clement

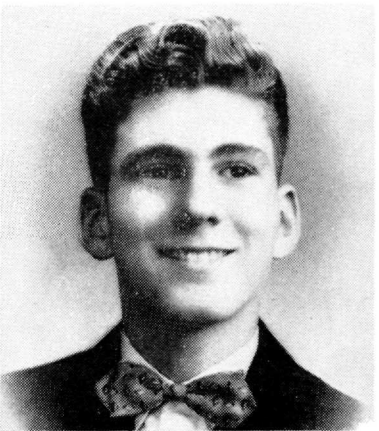
First of all we welcome all newcomers and hope they enjoy working here... We know that spring is here for the girls are sporting their new hairdos... Lots of luck and happiness are wished to Beatrice Gibeau and Ruth Perras in their new homes... Silvia Beaudin spent the weekend in Boston visiting her grandchildren and family... Gertrude LaFountain and Beatrice Gibeau and yours truly are



This picture was taken of Yvette Dubois when she was at Lido Beach in Sarasota, Florida. While we were having nice cold weather, Yvette was in the sun. She works in the Filter Development Center.



Shown above is Eddie Lamarre, son of Josephine of Hi-Reliability, when he was on a six month Mediterranean cruise.



This fine looking lad is Edward Gibeau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibeau. Ralph works in Automatic Rolling and Beatrice in Automation.



Two former co-workers now serving their country are Donald Faivreau, left, and Donald Adams, right, both formerly worked in Filters.

now working in the cellar. I wonder where we'll be next... Fred Pinkall has left us and is now in the Pilot Plant. We miss you but are glad that we see you once in a while, Fred.

Clorinol

by Dot LaDue

Hi! Well, if you think the A-Bomb is something, you should have been here when Jean Schonfelder announced her engagement and coming wedding. She was married May 5 to Eddie



Jeannette Tash is the daughter of Nellie Tash, who is in the IBM room. Jeannette graduates on June 4 from the College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee.

Veazie who is in the Air Force... A baby shower was held at Pine Brook for a couple of the girls... A good time was had by all... Best of luck to the girls who have been transferred. You are all missed... Congratulations to George Shaker who took high single in the Industrial Tournament... Now the rage is softball. Best of luck to everyone.

Industrial Oils Stacking

by Ann Heath

It seems nice to have Margaret Kernahan back at work after a long absence. We're glad that her husband is better... Leona Lamoureux, the sport in the department, flew to Miami for two weeks. Her tan was the envy of the room... We were sorry to hear that Harry Knapp's mother was in the hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery... In answer to a question in last month's LOG, Kenny Russell's cat is now a lady-in-waiting. Soon there will be kittens for sale... Bill Tower is walking around with stars in his eyes. Wedding bells are around the corner.

Industrial Oil Cover

Isabelle Witherow and Ann O'Dell

We want everyone to know that Alexander Murach is back from Florida and says he really enjoyed himself... The girls in the department enjoyed a supper at Howard Johnsons. The expressions on all of their faces showed they had a good time... We want to say we are sorry to see Lena Deso leave us and we all wish her luck on her new job... We want to wish Theresa Bushika of the Mica Department luck on her coming marriage... Happy birthday to Martha Davis... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cozzaglio on the birth of a baby girl, and Betty Nichols on becoming a grandmother.



General Accounting

Dorothy Boutwell and Joan Bryce

A party was held at Heartwellville Lodge on May 1 in honor of Judy Carey who was married May 5th to Roger Picard of Adams. Best wishes to you, Judy... Welcome to Ann Archambeault who has come back to

work with us again this summer, as did Carol Kosche — to Eleanor Patenaude who has been out ill — to Mr. McNaughton, from his little jaunt to Kentucky to see his son and family — and to Patricia Boulger who is back from her honeymoon to Maine and vicinity.

Dry Rolling

Barbara Solari and Helen O'Neill

Speedy recoveries are sent to Rita Girardi who was in the North Adams Hospital and Ursula Marceau and Fran Vasseur who are on sick leaves... Doesn't Bea Hannaleck look sharp driving around in her new Plymouth station wagon? That's the life, right Bea?... If anyone has a bathroom they wish to be tiled, please call Gladys Costello. Gladys is an expert in that field... Our supervisor Joe Allard is now the proud owner of a Buick... Marion Babcock recently entertained at her home at a pink and blue shower for Lorraine Leonard who works with us. A good time was had by all attending... We hope you have enjoyed our first column for the LOG. If you have any news you would like to have printed, please contact either of your two reporters... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murach on the birth of a son... Anniversary wishes to Muriel and Alan Goodrich who celebrated their 10th on April 27... Belated birthday greetings to Helen O'Neill.

F.P. Ovens and Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub

Catherine Coody and her husband left on May 5 to spend three weeks with their daughter, Mary, in Norfolk, Virginia. We hope you had a nice time, Kate... If anyone is planning on having a wedding, Edith Fields is the person to see. She will furnish the trimmings including wedding cake and matron of honor. She had a very lovely one at her home on April 28. A friend of Edith's was the lovely bride... On April 26, the girls in the Ovens went out to help Leona Haddad celebrate her first anniversary. We had a lovely supper at Four Acres in Williamstown... Ellen Davis and yours truly had our vacations. Ellen spent her time at home house cleaning and I took a trip to Warwick, R. I., to visit Dot Whitehead — a former co-worker. Dot asked to be remembered to all of her friends here... Emma McCuen did her spring cleaning around her yard. Farming is hard work, right Emma?... Attention all fishermen: don't let the big ones get away, and remember the LOG Fishing Contest... Belated birthday greetings to Catherine Coody.

Prokar and Polyester Impregnation

by Reginald Rowett

We are glad that Norman Miller is feeling better and that things weren't as serious as thought. Norman spent several days in the hospital this past month where he was under observation... Doris Harris has left us to return to her old department. Though she was with us for only a short time, we enjoyed her company and were sorry to see her go... We would like to welcome Jadwiga Ahola to our department. Hope you like working with us.

Warehouse and Receiving

by Barbara Armstrong

Hi, Folks! At this writing, John Buchanan left for his vacation. Reports lead us to believe that he will spend a good deal of his time fishing. Hope you had good luck, John... Bill Kuza indulged in an oversized grinder. The question in all our minds, Bill, is — did you suffer an attack of indigestion? (Possibly from too much wax paper)... Joe Campanardi, Vi Spagnolo and yours truly have been talking grape vines lately. As Joe is the only expert in this field, we can't guarantee results,

but we are optimistically looking forward to a grape JAM-boree come next fall. Phil Sprague, formerly a Brown street employee, is now with the inspection department. Welcome, Phil.

Quality Control

by Esther Holloway

We were glad to welcome Marilyn Haley and Ella Dunsmore to the Check Inspection department on Marshall Street. We hope they both enjoy working with us. Marge Hamel is back with us again and it's nice to have her here. Marge works for the Navy. Poor Frank Livesey! It seems that his hunting dog keeps running away from him. We hope you find her, Frank. Now that fishing season is in full swing, Walter Gould and Sam Unsworth are really happy. We are glad to see Ethel Sakowski in our midst once again, and of course, everyone asks about her new baby. Ethel has the right approach though, she just whips out a picture and shows it to them. We were sorry to hear that Walter Gould's wife was in the hospital and hope she is feeling better soon. Sorry to see John Anderson leave our group, but hope you'll be happy on your new job. Welcome to Ralph Blood. Ralph is a fisherman too, boys, so look out. Anniversary greetings to William and Jane Burdick who celebrated their 5th anniversary.

Building No. 7 Offices

by Barbara Campedelli and Joan Paradise

Congratulations are in order for Al Marden of the Methods Department and Al Richard of Material Control. The former was married to Shirley Londergan on April 21 and went to West Palm Beach, Florida, for their honeymoon, while Al Richard was married to Rose Bua on April 28. Al and Rose spent their honeymoon in New York City. Jane Czerwinski's engagement to Stanley Koperniak was recently announced. They will be married August 11. Florida was the vacation spot for quite a few members of the Building 7 offices. Alice Gomeau spent two weeks in Clearwater with Gloria Moors of Time Study. Fred Potter spent two weeks at Daytona Beach and Wes Baker (and his bright red convertible) had a perfectly wonderful time in Miami Beach. On April 18th, Al Richard was feted by the gang (male members only) of Material Control. Bill Campedelli was a very capable chairman of the affair! Bill Kirby was installed as President of the Northern Berkshire Jaycee's at their annual dinner, held at Petey Dink's, and Bob Smith was awarded a plaque for being the "Outstanding Jaycee of the Year". Congratulations to both. Ernie Jones, Bob Smith and Wes Baker are now members of the Sprague Management Club. Has anyone noticed the changes in hairdos of Judy Lewis and Janice Chesbro? Lovely girls, just lovely. The welcome mat is out for Charlie Jaeschke, Methods newest member from Northeastern. Leon Beverly, (alias THE MASKED TERROR) was recently defeated in a wrestling match sponsored by the Adams Turners, and directed by Gerald Dubois of Time Study. We heard a rumor that his opponent was a 13 year old midgit. (What happened, Leon?) Frank Patterson really gets a bang out of smoking. Barb Campadelli and Judy Lewis can vouch for that. What was in that cigarette, anyway, Frank?

Payroll, Tabulating and Factory Accounting

by Irene Dubreuil

On April 2, a bridal shower was held at the Crane Inn for Lorraine Bernat. Lorraine was presented a gift of Samsonite luggage. She was married on April 21 to Norman Gamari and from all reports she was a very lovely bride. Best wishes to Lorraine and Norman

from all of us. Cecile Roy and her husband Harvey spent three lovely weeks vacationing in sunny Florida and from all the cards and snapshots, they certainly had a wonderful time. Cecile says that Florida is the place to spend a vacation. Well, maybe the rest of us will get there someday.



Guess Who? Left, Jane Harding at 3 years old, who works in Paper Automation; and right, for clues see Sunny Cozzaglio of Small Orders.

Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti and Lena Grillone

Congratulations to John Newman and George Olsen who became proud fathers — John of a baby daughter, and George of a son. Both work in the Ceramic Lab. Pat Dowling, Arthur Morris and Ceil Malloy celebrated birthdays and we extend best wishes for this occasion. But you know what seems so strange — they claim they are only 29 years old! To Pat Dowling, Ann Little and Ruth St. John, we extend congratulations on their wedding anniversaries. May you have many more happy days in the years ahead. Vacation time is here and Lorraine Wittig and Louise Therrien have already taken their time. Florence Harrington went to the famous Las Vegas resort to visit her son and Nina Buda is all hepped about her trip to California to see her sister. Wish we were going along but I'm afraid most will have to wait until they win a prize in some contest!

Maintenance Department

by Judith Kelyer

Here I go again, substituting for your regular reporter who is still on a leave of absence. Hope you are on the road to a speedy recovery by now. Dot. Francis Connors, Alfio Giretti, Maurice Lemieux, Mials Robsen and Peter Rancanti have joined our ever-growing list of vacationers. Hope you enjoyed yourselves, boys. Congratulations are in order for Leo Lefebvre on the arrival of a son, Mark Peter. Careful, Leo, you'll be losing your job to Mark before long. Say listen all you fishermen — how are we doing in the LOG Fishing Contest? Did anyone catch any whoppers yet? Let your reporter know if you catch an old boot or a sunken treasure! You may be the lucky fisherman! Sorry to hear that Norman Bourassa of the Electric Shop is convalescing at the hospital. Hope to see you back with the gang by the time this is printed. Shirley Ferrari had her vacation at home resting.

Test Equipment

by Mary Cantoni

The month of May is the month of flowers, but in Test Equipment, it's a month for congratulations. To Lee Hermansen, who is being transferred to our new Concord, N. H. plant. Good luck, Lee. To Dick Peterson, whose new promotion made him our new department head, succeeding Lee. To Arnold Koreltz, who was made foreman. To Maurice LaFond, who received a \$100 suggestion award. To Donald Bourdon, who has added one more to his family. The new baby girl arrived on April 13, Friday, that is, which proved good luck for Don. The happy smiles on Mary Mazza's face these days are because her youngest son, Anthony, who had been

seriously ill a few months ago has been discharged from Chelsea Navy Hospital. David Beighley, who is our only fisherman, tried his luck in the Deerfield River. After a whole day of tailing all he caught was an old battered woman's purse — and you guessed it — it was empty.



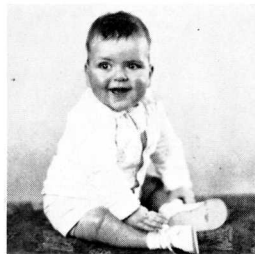
Guess Who? Left, Jane Harding at 3 years old, who works in Paper Automation; and right, for clues see Sunny Cozzaglio of Small Orders.



Debra Lapine at the age of 3 months. Her mother Phyllis is in Tantalum and father Robert is in Paper Rolling.



Alice Soldati of F. P. Assembly has little Judy, 3 months old, as a visitor in her home.



This very much alive youngster is 7 months old James Elias, son of Ace Samia, a company truck driver, and Alice, an office clerk in the Control Lab.



Lisa Lynn Bassi is the granddaughter of Linda Cozzaglio of the Sandia Department, and Jimmy Cozzaglio of Maintenance.

Employee and Community Relations

by Mary Pat Riley

Lidjia Augstkalne returned from a one week vacation — the most of which she spent at home resting. However, Lidjia and her son went to New York City over the weekend and had a wond-



Rolling; center, Grace O'Neill of

erful time. The Bronx Zoo was the main attraction for them. Page Clagett spent his vacation in Maryland visiting his family. Ken Brown's wishes came true when he became the father of a little girl on April 27. The child was named Debra Ann. Congratulations to Carol and Ken. Pamela Christopher's husband Art returned from "Operation Deepfreeze". Gloria Lord finally was able to sell her car. "That Trading Post in the LOG did it!" says Gloria.

Sprague International Ltd.

by Suzette Lemieux

Of course, THE current event for us was our Rose's (Bua) wedding to Al Richard on April 28 at St. Anthony's Church. Rose was very lovely gowned in yards of lace and looked as radiant as the warm Spring sun which shone on her wedding day. Not the least enhancing to the wedding party was Marilyn LoPresto in her shell pink crystal gown. Very pretty indeed! For their honeymoon, Rose and Al planned to visit New York City, but at this writing, were not available for comment. On the 19th of April, a wonderful evening was enjoyed by us Export gals at the Springs to honor Rose and present her with a gift from us and her neighboring Sprague Products friends. Other travelers of the month include Jack Silvia who drove to New York City on the 22nd, Betty Saltamartini who went to Boston on the 28th, yours truly who enjoyed the annual Alumnae gathering at St. Ann's Academy in Marlboro on May 6; and Myrna Harvey who went to Monroe to visit her family. Myrna seems highly distracted these days (probably spring fever). Instead of leaving her grocery list for her weekly supplies, she left a list of the previous week's expenses. Teh! Teh! Bertha Richards and Bessie Fairbanks will soon be joining our list of "displaced persons" as they are shortly to have their desks moved a couple of yards down the line. Bon voyage! It was announced on April 17 that George Ferran had been promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Wing (CAP). Congratulations, George. Congratulations are also in order for Beverly DuBois who on April 18 was presented, with due pomp, a diploma for having successfully completed the Company's course in shorthand.

Retail Sales

by Betty Jangrow

Our apologies to Tommy Richards for having his name as Tony under his picture in the last LOG. The party for Lou Montragna was a success, with all our girls in their spring finery they made a colorful picture. We had as our guests Mrs. Pat Davis, wife of our foreman and Lorraine Van Steenburg, Peg Belanger, Susie Dean and Sis Vadnais. It was nice seeing you, girls.

Barbara King was the mistress of ceremonies — at which time she read a poem she had written for the occasion. Lorraine Lavigne presented the corsage and gift — a beautiful piece of luggage. Shirley Boucher was chosen for the Queen's Court April 20 at the Armory. The dance was sponsored by Melha Temple (The Shriners) of Springfield. Lucille Miller is expecting her son, Norman, home any day now. Norman is stationed at Newfoundland with the U. S. Air Force. Mary Daniels enjoyed her first week of vacation just doing as she pleased. The weather was in her favor. Mary recently had the distinction of being with Sprague for over 25 years.

Filter Development Coil Winding Room

by Jannette Cady

Virginia Delisle is a proud grandmother once more. Her daughter had a 9 lb. 2 oz. baby boy. Glad to hear they both are doing fine. Viola Crofts spent her vacation at home. The weeks sure go by fast when you're home don't they? Rose O'Brien spent a few days of her vacation visiting relatives in Boston and the rest of the week she stayed at home. Mary Lefebvre was really busy this past month with her new baby boy. We are glad to hear they are both doing fine. We hope you'll be back soon, Mary. Congratulations go out to Art Cardinal who celebrated his 29th wedding anniversary on May 9. May you have many more and a long and happy life. We don't know why Frank Stawarz had to take a day off before his brother's wedding. Could it be he was more nervous than the groom or was he thinking of the day he'll be going through the same thing? From all reports, though, we hear he looked very nice as best man. Gerry Guisti just can't seem to get her spring cleaning done. Gerry's so busy sewing for her daughter and doing everything else.

Filter Development Center

by Julia Desrosiers

Dick Konopka was honored at a dinner party on May 3 at the Taconic Park Restaurant. Louis Vincelette was master of ceremonies. Dancing was enjoyed by all. Dick was presented a purse of money. Dick and Rose Wnuk will be married on June 9. We understand Yvette Dubois is planning a new home in Williamstown. We all wish her loads of luck. She is open to any suggestions on the decorating part of this undertaking so if you come up with any ideas, tell Yvette.

Advertising

by Janice Fowler

Charles Wacker enjoyed a two week trip touring California as his annual vacation. Fran Cyr, artist, spent one week of her vacation redecorating her apartment while Bella Richardson spent a quiet, restful week at home. (With three kids this is restful!) Detectives have been called in on the case of "Who Has Been Tampering With The Water Fountain in Advertising So The Coca-Cola Company Will Have More Business". Jan Fowler is suspected and is under careful surveillance. Bernie Fortini has purchased a dandy coffee-colored skirt from the cafeteria lunchwagon. The only drawback is that it can only be worn on special occasions. Carolyn Horn pleads with us to believe that she really froze her big toe at the outdoor movie. Come now, Carolyn, what happened to the rest of the foot? If they ever erect a toll road between here and Deerfield, Willy Arms will have to work two shifts. What's the big attraction down that way? Jan Fowler took everyone by surprise when she came to work May 3 sporting a diamond received from Caleb Harrison. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy twosome.

Field Engineering

by Elaine Bouchard and Kay Ryan

Hi, everybody! Sorry we haven't been around for the past few months. We're your new reporters and hope to keep you up to date from now on. We welcome to the department Marjorie Towles and Jackie Brooks. Hope you both enjoy working with us. On April 19 we enjoyed a dinner at the Springs as a farewell party for Marion Sewell who left us to return to her home in Andover, Mass. The party was also for Marion Segalla who surprised us all and was recently married. Best of luck to Claire West who left us to work for the G.E. in Pittsfield. We think a J. Fred Muggs doll would be fine to keep Joan Murray company since Claire has left. "My Boy Flat Top" is a familiar phrase coming from the direction of Clare Pedercini. We wonder why? Joan Southgate is sporting a new hairdo. Looks real cute, Joan. Thanks to Alice Hermann for brightening up our office with her spring outfits. It didn't look like spring for Nora Scalise when she found the air-conditioner frozen. We ask you, do air conditioners usually freeze at this time of the year? As for yours truly, we're still patiently waiting for badly needed vacations. FLASH—Henia Orlowski who left our department some time ago to work for the Navy Department in Washington, D. C., is now back with us in the Washington Office of Sprague Electric.

Filters

Alice Monette and Marjorie Richer

A great big welcome to Norm Blair as supervisor of Group Two. This group couldn't be happier. And welcome back to Mabel O'Grady who was home entertaining virus bugs for a month. We're glad it's over, Mabel. On April 16, Effie Colvin said goodbye to her little grandson who has gone to join his daddy in Germany. He will be three years older when Effie sees him again. We have been trying to enter Roger and Sara under the "I Do" notes, but they tell us they are waiting for a "We Know Better" column. Speaking of "I Do Notes" our own Martha Benoni and check inspector Norman Robare will be hearing wedding bells in the near future. We received a surprise visit recently from Donald Faivreau, who is stationed in Texas and was home on leave for ten days.

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Tantalum

by Amelia Koza

We have had another departure in our department—Mrs. Theresa King left to await a blessed event. Best wishes to Elizabeth Giorgenti who was married to Rolland Boucher on May 12. Welcome back to Gladys Roy who returned from her leave of absence. There's nothing like riding in style. Ruth Lewis, Ruth Allard, Dom Pappas and Louise Gajda all have recently purchased new cars. Phyllis Lapine spent her vacation at home. Tantalum gossip: Walter Odell was still on his honeymoon at this writing. John Cardonell and Don Fortini are pushing baby carriages. Ruth Lewis-Gloomy vs. Cheerio. Dorothy Zieba—Ain't Love Grand! Priscilla Berti and her literary interests, Pauline Smith and her unsurpassed vocabulary. Daisy Major—what a competition to Marilyn Monroe. Lucille Serre and her bouncing pony tail. Tony Girard—such a quiet one. Joyce Tatro—watch out for that nervous twitch. Dorothy Blanchard—are you trying to give Olga competition? Ruth Charron—Yes! It would be a very good theme for your new book (only to find the specimen, right?). Daisy Kuczeinski—looking for two new passengers? Alda O'Neil—your new hairdo is very attractive.

Round Midget Assembly

by Jennie Garceau

Vacations are again in order. Betty Berger has returned after attending a wedding. Ora Boyer also had a wedding in her family. Edna Mahar celebrated her anniversary in Boston and Alvina Moreau was at home. We bet she is housecleaning, too! Marcy Poirot was doubly happy on her birthday with a new car and a surprise party with a large birthday cake made by Josephine Aragose. The cake was served with ice cream. Many more years ahead of you, Marcy. We were very glad to see Fran Kordana looking so well and were happy to hear she is doing fine in her studies. Keep on, Fran, the time will soon be here for your graduation.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

Our welcome mat is extended to Dot Brothers and Betty Goodermote who joined the rollers recently. We hope you both enjoy working with us. In spite of the cold weather we have been having, we feel that spring is here when we see all the girls in the department with their cotton frocks. But, we wish warm days would come, so picnics and outings could be planned. Baseball season! All the fellows are right out there cheering for their teams. The girls should be included too, for we have some real fans among us. A speedy recovery to Olive Crandall who has been in the hospital. Den mother Corinne Simon is quite busy these days getting activities for her nine cub scouts. They recently had a weenie roast in Corinne's yard. She is also trying to get ideas for her cub scouts to work out for their awards. Nickie Fulginiti's yellow shirt made quite a hit in our room—he now has a new nickname! Nickie celebrated his birthday April 18 and the rollers presented him with a birthday cake. Yvonne Ross is sporting a new hairdo these days—very becoming, Yvonne. We all wonder—who is the new beau in Carmela Mancuso's datebook these days?

Dry Tubular Assembly

by Margaret Champagny and Gladys Sullivan

At last, we hope, signs of spring are here. Dell Biagini went fishing recently and didn't have much luck. The only thing she caught was the sniffls. Toni Connell and her husband spent a

weekend recently visiting relatives in Remsenberg, Long Island. Margaret Davis spent her vacation in Decatur, Illinois this month. She visited her daughter and family. Our Margaret is becoming quite an air traveller. Lil Boyer was way ahead of the rest of the girls in getting that all important housecleaning finished. What a gall! We all think Claire Andognini looks very "chic" with her new haircut. Helen Drobiak has reported an addition to her household. Her cat had four blessed events! Ask Rita Girard to tell you what happened recently to her pet cat. What a prolific animal. Belated birthday greetings to Rena Roy on April 14. Sorry we slipped, Rena.

Dry Tubular Finish

by Marge Hauptfleisch

We extend congratulations and best wishes to Ceil Wegrzyn and Bernard Barbeau on their marriage May 5. Both work in this department. Quite a few from the room attended the wedding and a wonderful time was had by all. All the girls who had their ears pierced by Hilda Coulter presented her with a beautiful housecat. Congratulations to Lillian Grande on recently becoming a grandmother. Her daughter, Johann Golonka had a baby girl April 29.

Sales Office

by Jane Delisle and Kay Baroni

Thanks to Councilman Fred Windover and Mayor Calvi, Kay Baroni and Loyola Fitzpatrick are still thrilled over being introduced to U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy. Joe Mucha is transferring to another department and will be missed by everyone in sales. Best wishes in your new work, Joe. Best wishes to Mary Gallant whose engagement to Pete Richards was announced. A Thanksgiving Day wedding is being planned. Mary, now is your chance to get back to that motel now that the swimming pool is in. Anyone wishing news of the Boston area speak to Stacia Soja and Bruna Vivori. They spend every afternoon rest period reading the "Boston Post" and oh!—those wishing wells. Loyola, we caught you in sunglasses last week. Running competition to Grace Kelly? Would anyone believe Martha Harvey's daughter is old enough to go to dances? Hank Valenti is the newest addition to the list of those suffering from "Castoritis". Boy, if we don't get some new chairs pretty soon. A shower for Laurel Smith was held at Shirley Silvia's house and the first one there was—you guessed it—Laurel! It was the first time the guest of honor ever sat there and yelled surprise to the guests. A wonderful time was had and Laurel received many beautiful gifts. She was married April 28 to Norman Daigneault. And Peg Morandi was the envy of all as she drove up in her brand new Plymouth. Speaking of envy, we were all just a little bit jealous when Fritz Windover spent a wonderful week in Virginia playing golf—with Ike no doubt! Best of luck to Dorothy Michalski who is leaving to take a new job. Dorothy worked for Paul Fern. Has anyone seen the trout Doris Hartman keeps talking about? Come on, Doris, enter the contest! Joan Blanchette is spending a few days in Canada. With all those Frenchmen—she won't want to come back.

Watchmen and Guards

by Bernard Loncto

It's Spring and as the old saying goes—"In Spring a young man's fancy turns to love!" No better proof of this can be given than by observing our roly-poly guard Verne Durocher busily bouncing from cloud to cloud, gazing at the world through rose-tinted

glasses as he prepared for the big event. Verne said he was dieting to lose some weight. He has lost weight—but we hesitate over the word dieting. Wedding bells rang Saturday, May 12, as Verne and Joan Bryce of General Accounting blithely tripped down the aisle in the First Congregational Church in the city. It remains to be seen whether we can get him down out of the clouds and if the results will benefit the gatehouse or whether more drastic steps must be taken before he becomes a mere shadow of his former self! We wish a long, happy and prosperous life to the bride and groom.

F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

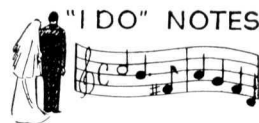
We wish to congratulate Sandra and Robert Cook who were both elected to offices in the 4-H Club recently. Eva Bushika has returned from the North Adams Hospital where she was under observation. We wish her a speedy recovery. Lorraine MacKay celebrated her birthday on the 1st of May and was presented with two birthday cakes and some beautiful gifts. The Dennis Flowers bowling team, of which Lee Charbonneau is a member, were the Crescent League champions in Adams. Their sponsors gave each girl an orchid to wear at the banquet at the Williams Inn where they were awarded trophies. Sandra, daughter of Zig Nash, was graduated from the Dolly Mills studio of the dance. She and her partner, Michael La Versa, were awarded prizes for the best waltz. The following note of thanks was received from the family of the late Charles E. Shea, Jr.: "We deeply appreciate the many ways in which esteem for him and sympathy for us was shown following the death of our dear husband and father—to card senders, donors of flowers and to each member of the Sprague Electric Co. at Marshall Street, who in any way were thoughtful and kind—who we express our sincere thanks."



- May 1 Lorraine MacKay
1 Teresa Czaja
2 Barbara Dami
2 Dorothy Bliss
3 Rita Cooper
3 Violet McClelland
4 Amelia Dean
4 Marceline Poirot
7 Evelyn Morton
7 John Davis
11 Irene Pigeon
11 Francis Pitoniak
14 Sophie Bryda
14 Bina Cirone
15 Jeannette Boucher
15 Frances Cyr
16 Barbara Campedelli
16 Theresa Burro
17 Jean Schonfelder
18 Irene Pratt
19 Shirley Maxwell
20 Frances Schmidt
21 Doris Andreatta
21 Mary Sullivan
21 Jeanette Andrews
22 Margaret Walsh
22 Eva Mangano
23 Florence Lecuyer
24 Lillian Goff
25 Ann Mariani
26 James Zabek
26 Doris Roberts
27 Judy Lewis
28 Linwood Morse
29 Mabel Benoit
30 Bonnie Day



Mildred Kawa and Ronald Plankey
Claire Martin and Henry Gamari
Jane Czerwinski and
Stanley Koperniak
Marilyn Burdick and Robert Clark
Janice Fowler and Caleb Harriman



April 21
Madeline Folino and
Joseph Domenichini
Lorraine Bernat and Norman Gamari
Shirley Londergan and Al Marden
April 28
Helen Gleba and John Murach
Laurel Smith and Norman Daigneault
Shirley Louison and Ernest DelDebbio
Rose Bua and Alfred Richard
May 5
Madelyn Moreau and Milton Ferras
Judith Carey and Roger Picard
Ceil Wegrzyn and Bernard Barbeau
Jean Schonfelder and Edward Veazie
Theresa Bushika and Amedeo Pontier
May 12
Elizabeth Giorgenti and
Roland Boucher
Joan Bryce and Vernon Durocher
Joanne Kendrick and Robert Shook
Marcia Hoy and Theodore Sniezek

Anniversaries . . .

- May
1 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harvey 2nd
4 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garceau 42nd
5 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mahar 37th
6 Mr. and Mrs. George Charbonneau 34th
7 Mr. and Mrs. David Hyndman 1st
9 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cardinal 29th
12 Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hover 5th
15 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Solari 17th
16 Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benoit 14th
17 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boudon 9th
17 Mr. and Mrs. Guido Masselli 9th
19 Mr. and Mrs. Tallie Lewis 5th
22 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook 19th
22 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin 31st
22 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond LaFrance 36th
25 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Valotta 10th
28 Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacKay 1st
28 Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Rowett 7th
28 Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Morse 33rd
29 Mr. and Mrs. John Faustini 8th
29 Mr. and Mrs. John Cardinal 1st
29 Mr. and Mrs. Foggie Burnett 2nd
30 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lescarbeau 27th
30 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lowe 20th

Baby Talk ---

- April 4—Mr. and Mrs. George Olson—son
April 13—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lefebvre—son.
April 13—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boudon—daughter.
April 27—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown—daughter.
April 29—Mr. and Mrs. James Dean—daughter.
April 29—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Critelli—son.
April 29—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Arabia—daughter.
May 2—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bergeron—daughter.